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IN SEEING THE MALTESE PRIME MINISTER. THE CHANCELLOR, OF COURSE, COULD HARDLY REFUSE TO SEE MINTOFF, BUT MINTOFF ALSO INSISTED ON SEEING PRESIDENT SCHEEL. HOWEVER, THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT HAD HAD AN UNFORTUNATE ENCOUNTER WITH MINTOFF WHEN SCHEEL WAS FOREIGN MINISTER, AND HE HAD SWORN NEVER TO SEE HIM AGAIN. AFTER SEVERAL REMINDERS OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS FEDERAL PRESIDENT, SCHEEL GAVE IN AND GRANTED A 15-MINUTE APPOINTMENT. THIS GAVE THE MALTESE PRIME MINISTER THE CONFIDENTIAL

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HIGH LEVEL VISITS HE CRAVED, BUT LEFT LARGE BARE SPOTS.

MOERSCH'S COLLEAGUES PROVED UNSYMPATHETIC. FORTUNATELY,
THE KRUPP FIRM HAS SOME INTEREST IN MALTA (PERHAPS OIL),
AND SO DR. MOMMSEN, THE CHAIRMAN OF KRUPP, AGREED TO
TAKE CARE OF MOST OF MR. MINTOFF'S SECOND DAY IN THE FRG.

6. ACCORDING TO DR. BENSCH, MINTOFF'S WORKING DISCUSSIONS IN BONN WERE OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE. ON A PER CAPITA BASIS MALTA IS ALREADY ONE OF THE LARGEST RECIPIENTS OF FRG AID, AND NO NEW PROJECTS WERE DISCUSSED. INSTEAD, THESE DISCUSSIONS LARGELY CONCERNED IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING AID AGREEMENTS WHICH AMOUNT TO BETWEEN 32 AND 35 MILLION DM.

7. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT DID TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF MINTOFF'S CALL TO DISCUSS CSCE. THE CHANCELLOR TOLD MINTOFF THAT HIS MEDITERRANEAN PROPOSAL HAD NO CHANCE OF BEING ADOPTED BECAUSE BOTH NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT WERE OPPOSED. AT BEST ONE OR TWO NEUTRALS MIGHT SUPPORT MALTA. BENSCH SAID THAT MINTOFF WAS IN A RELATIVELY GOOD MOOD. HE DID NOT PROMISE ANYTHING REGARDING CSCE, BUT DID NOT SEEM AS STUBBORN AS BEFORE. OF COURSE, ADDED BENSCH, MINTOFF MIGHT CHANGE HIS MIND TOMORROW.

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